

Fort Hays Kansas State College

# FOOTBALL



1947 SEASON



FORT HAYS KANSAS STATE COLLEGE, HAYS, KANSAS

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE -- 1947

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	(1946 Results)	
			<u>FH</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
Sept. 20 *	Kansas Wesleyan	Salina	14	0
Sept. 27*	Northwest Okla. Teachers	Hays	(no game)	
Oct. 4 **	Southwestern College	Hays	0	12
Oct. 11 **	Pittsburg State Teachers	Pittsburg	0	0
Oct. 17 **	St. Benedicts College	Atchison	7	14
Oct. 25 #	Emporia State Teachers (Homecoming)	Hays	25	6
Nov. 1 *	Colorado College	Hays	0	15
Nov. 8 **	Washburn University	Topeka	20	20
Nov. 15 *	Colorado School of Mines	Hays	14	35

\* - Night Game

# - Central Conference Game

Homecoming Game, 2:30 p.m.

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Dr. L. D. Wooster, President of the College

Ed Davis, Faculty Representative

Paul B. Gross, Director of Athletics

Ralph Huffman, Head Football Coach

Alex Francis, Backfield Coach

Cade Suran, End Coach

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of school -- Fort Hays Kansas State College.

Location -- Hays, Kansas.

Population -- 8,000.

Fort Hays State enrollment -- 1,100.

Lewis Field Stadium capacity -- 7,000.

Emblem -- Tiger.

Colors -- Gold and Black.

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Ticket Prices:

Adults ..... \$1.20

High School Students ..... .60

Children under 12 ..... .25

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Fort Hays Kansas State College Athletic Board:

Ed Davis, Chairman

L. D. Wooster

Paul B. Gross

William D. Moreland

E. R. McCartney

R. U. Brooks.

Andrew Reigel

Fred W. Albertson

Ralph V. Coder

Walter Keating



### THE COACHING STAFF

PAUL "Busch" GROSS, Director of Athletics, who piloted the Fort Hays State basketball teams for sixteen years is acting chairman of the Health and Physical Education, Director of Athletics and Men's Physical Education. He is also assisting Coach Huffman with football.

Gross entered Fort Hays State as a Freshman in 1917, served in World War I, and graduated in 1922 after starring in football and basketball for his Alma Mater. "Busch" holds a Bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State and a Master's degree from the University of Missouri. After receiving his Bachelor's degree, he coached a year at LaCrosse, one at Howard, and six years at Augusta where he turned out championship teams.

Gross came back to his Alma Mater as Head Basketball Coach in 1930. His teams have tied for the conference title twice and have been in the second spot many times. "Busch's" teams were near the top consistently.

RALPH "Red" HUFFMAN, Head Coach, moves into his second year as head man at Fort Hays State. Taking over after a war-time lay-off last fall "Red" found himself faced with the task of completely re-building the Tiger eleven. This fall he hopes to take up where he left off last season. The 1947 edition promises to be a good one.

"Red" was named all-conference and all-state football center the fall of 1936. After receiving his degree in 1937, he coached for two years at Atwood High School and then three years at Dodge City Junior College. In 1942, he received his Master's degree from the University of Missouri. That fall, he became a member of the physical education and coaching staff at Fort Hays State. In 1943-44, "Red" served on the physical education staff in the Army Aviation program here at the college. In the fall of 1945, he joined the coaching staff at the University of Kansas where he was line coach in football.

Coach Huffman is married and has two sons, Dave and Don.



ALEX FRANCIS, Backfield Coach, also serves as Head Track Coach. He returned to his Alma Mater in September of 1946 in this capacity. His track team annexed the Conference Crown during his first season as head track coach. This is the first track title in the history of the school.

Francis, a star place-kicker in football, was graduated from Fort Hays State in 1935 and received his Master's degree from the University of Missouri in 1940. Alex coached football and track at Mankato, Holton, Oberlin, and Abilene high schools. He was discharged from the Army Air Corps with the rank of Captain, where he was a physical training instructor. Besides his coaching and teaching duties, Alex is director of the Men's Intramural program here at the college.

Coach Francis is married and has two sons, Mike and John.

CADE SURAN, End Coach, also serves as Head Basketball Coach. He assumed the head basketball coaching duties a year ago. During his first year as head mentor he instilled his brand of ball into the Tiger squad which carried his team to a successful season.

Suran attended high school in Kipp, Kansas. He later was enrolled for a time at Emporia State Teachers College. He then attended Kansas Wesleyan University and was a varsity forward four years. He was high scorer in the Kansas Conference in his Sophomore and Junior years and was captain of the all-conference team when he was a junior. He coached five years at Downs and in 1937 his team was runner-up in the state Class "B" basketball championship. In 1938, Downs won the state title. He then coached for five years at Wellington. In his third year there, Wellington won the Ark Valley Championship for the first time in the school's history. In 1946, his team took third in the state class "AA" Championship.

Coach Suran is married and has two daughters, Sue and Kay.



### 1947 TIGER PROSPECTS

On the night of September 20, the 1947 Gold and Black Grid-men will trot on the field to uphold the worthy name of their school. Their opponent will be Kansas Wesleyan University at Salina. Then, for nine straight weekends the Fort Hays State Tigers will meet some of the strongest teams in the mid-western area.

This is "Red" Huffman, the Tiger ringmaster speaking, "Without a doubt the race this year in the Central Conference will be one of the toughest in the history of the loop. Southwestern College, the defending champion of 1946 will be strong again this fall. Washburn, a powerhouse last fall and a pre-season favorite by many, will be doubly strong. St. Benedicts, Pittsburg State, and Emporia State are sure to be in there fighting it out all the way. Just where this puts the 1947 Tiger remains a question mark." Coach Huffman points out, however, that Fort Hays State will be tough this fall and should prove to be a full assignment for each club they meet.

Let's take a look at the line candidates. Paul Andree, 2nd all-conference center a year ago, returns with more weight and experience. He will be aided by Don "Gabby" Davis, Roger Brown. The guard slots will be filled by such men as Stull, Murphy, Wentz, Campbell, Skubal, Mahoney, Harman and others. At tackle there seems to be plenty of weight. Big Joe Jellison, All-conference choice last fall, is sure to see a lot of action. Other tackles not to be overlooked are Guthrie, Balding, Roemer, Mlynar, and Rathbun. On the wing spots will be found such familiar names as Johnston, Leuszler, Bartlett, Rolfs, Nichol, Dixon, Bray, and Cleveland.

Fort Hays State boasts a rare set of halfbacks in Jack Hague and Rex Marxmiller (the two red-heads), Glen Lowe, Don Hertel, and Bill Nixon. These lads played great ball in their first season last fall; and, should know where the double stripe is this season. Quarter-backing duties will be held by



Al Billinger, popular Hays Athlete and excellent passer, and Bob Faurot, sturdy 190-pounder. Fullbacking will be the job of Lew Comer and Vint King. Comer is known for his snap and drive for a small man, while King is a good kicker.

To bolster the above mentioned candidates a host of Freshmen will prove their worth as the 1947 squad takes shape. Many believe that this year will be a great year for the Fort Hays State Tiger. The coaches are making no positive statements as yet. They have their fingers crossed and are keeping mum. Maybe this is a good sign.

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# FORT HAYS STATE SQUAD ROSTER - 1947

## ENDS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Home Town</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Weight</u>
*Harry Johnston	Palco	Soph.	20	6' 1"	190
*Don Leuszler	Almena	Soph.	21	6' 1"	178
*Dwight Bartlett	Almena	Jr.	25	5' 10"	170
*Ned Rolfs	Geneseo	Sr.	24	5' 10"	180
Don Nichol	Palco	Soph.	19	6' 1"	185
Charles Cleveland	Wellington	Soph.	24	5' 9"	180
*Don Dixon	Almena	Soph.	23	5' 10"	170
Charles Stuppy	Lykens, Pa.	Soph.	22	6'	175
James Thurman	Rozel	Soph.	22	6' 2"	186
Claude Bray	Miltonvale	Jr.	22	5' 11"	165

## TACKLES

*Joe Jellison	Lincoln	Sr.	29	6'	225
*Kenneth Guthrie	Wellington	Soph.	22	5' 11"	205
*Richard Roemer	Gove	Sr.	24	6' 1"	190
*Keith Balding	Medicine Lodge	Soph.	23	6'	195
Bob Mlynar	Ellsworth	Soph.	21	6'	210
Harry Rathbun	Atwood	Soph.	24	6' 2"	198
Bill Gearhart	Lenora	Soph.	19	6'	197

## GUARDS

*Wendell Stull	Palco	Sr.	27	5' 11"	190
*John Murphy	Garden City	Soph.	23	6'	188
*Roger Wentz	Wellington	Soph.	21	5' 9"	200
*Raymond Skubal	Jennings	Soph.	22	5' 10"	170
*Archie Harman	Kinsley	Jr.	25	5' 6"	180
Billy Campbell	Beloit	Soph.	19	5' 7"	170
*Bob Mahoney	Bunkerhill	Soph.	21	6'	185
Ed Fraser	Wellington	Soph.	22	5' 9"	175

## CENTERS

*Paul Andree	Otis	Jr.	23	6' 1"	205
*Don Davis	Mankato	Soph.	23	5' 8"	165
Roger Brown	Smith Center	Soph.	18	5' 9"	175

## BACKS

*Al Billinger	Hays	Soph.	26	5' 11"	160
Robert Faurot	Springfield, Colo.	Soph.	23	6'	190
Dale Hearon	Lyons	Soph.	21	5' 8"	165
*Jack Hague	Oberlin	Soph.	21	5' 10"	180
*Don Hertel	Hays	Soph.	21	5' 8"	165
*Rex Marxmiller	Smith Center	Soph.	20	6' 1"	170
*Glen Lowe	Wakeeney	Jr.	24	6'	184
*Lew Comer	Natl. City, Calif.	Sr.	23	5' 9"	175
*Vincent King	Barnard	Jr.	24	5' 9"	190

\*- Lettermen



THUMBNAIL SKETCHES ON THE PLAYERS

ENDS

HARRY JOHNSTON - A Sophomore from Palco has had one year of college experience here at Fort Hays State. This rangy, rugged end is counted on for plenty of end play this season. He is an exceptionally fine blocker. A discharged Navy man. Won a K last fall.

DON LEUSZLER - A Sophomore from Alma played last fall at fullback. In spring practice he was shifted to the end slot. He is tall, rangy, and very active. A good pass receiver. Don is a discharged Navy man; and, won his first K last fall. He is married and has a little daughter.

DWIGHT BARTLETT - A Junior from Alma. Attended K-State and K.U. before entering the Navy. He is an outstanding pass receiver. Very steady and dependable. He is a K-man. Dwight is married.

NED ROLFS - A Senior from Geneseo; attended school at Fort Hays State before entering the service in the Army. Ned was converted from a back to the end position a year ago. He saw a lot of service in the 1946 season. He is active in K-Club. Ned is married and has two daughters.

DON NICHOL - A Sophomore from Palco lettered in basketball and looked extremely good in football in spring practice. He is regarded as one of the promising young athletes on the campus. He was named on the all-star five in basketball Class "B" when a Senior in high school.

CHARLES CLEVELAND - A Sophomore from Wellington. Played one year at Washburn. After being discharged from the Navy, Cleveland enrolled in school at Fort Hays State. This will be his first season in a Tiger uniform. He is married.

DON DIXON - A Sophomore from Alma was a member of the 1941 Tiger Squad. He was known for his exceptional drive. Is trying the wing position now. Don was in the Army. He is married.

TACKLES

JOE JELLISON - A Senior from Lincoln. Tough on defense; and, a good blocker. Joe was named on the All-C.I.A.C. eleven last fall. He is active in campus activities. Was president of the K-Club last year. Joe was in the Army while in the service. He is married and has a son.

KENNETH GUTHRIE - A Sophomore from Wellington won a lot of recognition as a rough and tough tackle last fall. Played on one of the outstanding high school clubs in the state. Enrolled at Fort Hays State after being in the Coast Guard. "Gus" is married. Won his letter last fall.

RICHARD ROEMER - A Senior from Gove played on the Tiger elevens before the war. After seeing service in the Army he returned to letter last fall. Steady and dependable, Rich will be ready for action again this season.



KEITH BALDING - Sophomore from Medicine Lodge won his first K last fall. And is regarded by his opponents as the real thing. Keith is one of the promising tackle prospects on the squad. He is married and has a son. Was in the Marines.

HARRY RATHBUN - Played his high school football at Atwood. This tall, rangy Sophomore is a good blocker and should see a lot of action this fall. Harry is married and has a child. Saw service in the Army during the war.

BOB MLYNAR - A Sophomore from Ellsworth. A Navy dischargee, Bob had trouble with an injury last fall. However, this season he expects to be in tip-top shape to go. Bob is married.

#### GUARDS

WENDELL STULL - Senior guard from Palco played a lot of football for Fort Hays State last fall. Steady and dependable he is known around the conference as a real defensive guard. Stull was in the Army; he is married and has two children.

JOHN MURPHY - Garden City's contribution to the Tiger eleven last fall. Has size and everything it takes. John is known for his fire. Won his first letter last fall; and, will be battling for a berth on the squad again. He was in the Army and a prisoner of war for 18 months.

ROGER WENTZ - A Sophomore from Wellington. Although troubled with a shoulder injury last season still played a lot of football in the Tiger uniform. Extremely active for a large fellow. Won his first K last fall; and, is an ex-Army man.

RAYMOND SKUBAL - Sophomore from Jennings. The last of the line of brothers who have been known as great linemen at Fort Hays State. Raymond is no exception. Hard to block and doesn't know when to quit. He won his first K last fall. Served in the Army while in the service.

BILLY CAMPBELL - Sophomore from Beloit. A knifing defensive lineman with great possibilities. Was in the hair of all the teams he played against last fall. Should have a great future at Fort Hays State.

ARCHIE HARMAN - Mister five-by-five on the squad. Good defensive guard. Did a lot of place-kicking last season. Won a letter. Attended Southwestern College before the war. He is an Army dischargee.

BOB MAHONEY - Bunkerhill Sophomore played in the backfield in high school. Transferred to the line upon entering college and lettered as a tackle. Is being transferred to guard. Bob was discharged from the Army and is married. He is a dependable ball player.



CENTERS

PAUL ANDREE - A Junior Pivot man from Otis who is a tower on defense. Was named on the second all-conference eleven last fall. Big and strong, his opponents have a great respect for him. Great things are expected of Paul this fall. Was in the Army while in the service. He is married and has a son.

DON DAVIS - Sophomore from Mankato the little fire-ball of the club. Won his first K last fall. Is one fellow who proves that you don't have to be big to play. Don was in the Coast Guard. He is married and has a son.

ROGER BROWN - Sophomore center from Smith Center. Played last fall and should see much action this year. He is a good passer, makes few mistakes; and, although young, should make a name for himself in the Tiger uniform in the future.

BACKS

AL BILLINGER - Sophomore from St. Joseph's Military Academy of athletic fame. Al has a good head and is an expert passer. He won his first K last fall at the quarterback slot; and will be back in his old position again. Discharged from the Army, Al is married and has a son.

BOB FAUROT - Sophomore, played his high school ball at Kinsley. His home is now Springfield, Colo. He played on the "B" team last fall; saw a lot of action in spring practice. Should make a good account of himself this fall. He is a good punter.

DALE HEARON - High school star from Lyons. Did not participate last fall because of a service injury. Saw service in spring ball and is a good ball handler. Dale was in the Navy.

JACK HAGUE - Sophomore from Oberlin was outstanding as a Freshman in every department. He is an exceptional ball carrier, good punter and field general. Has great future. Jack was in the Navy. Also, won conference Championship in the pole vault last spring.

DON HERTEL - Sophomore package of dynamite from Hays High School. Won his first K last fall. Known for his ball carrying ability. Runs under a lot of power. Won the conference championship in the 440 last spring.

REX MARXMILLER - "Red" is a Sophomore from Smith Center. Played a lot of football last fall in the Tiger uniform. Transferred here from K. U. where he played on their 1945 eleven. He was named on the second all-conference eleven last fall. A dangerous ball carrier. A K-man.

GLEN LOWE - A Junior from Wakeeney, letter last fall and was a great 880 man in track in the spring. Glen attended school at K-State before serving in the Army Air Corps. Glen is a dependable ball carrier. He is married.

BILL SIXON - Sophomore from Norton. Was an outstanding high school athlete. Served in the Army. Won his first K last fall as a halfback. Did a lot of the Kick-off work and much good work in the ball toting department.



LEW COMER - Natl. City, California Senior who came to us last fall from Iola Junior College where he played before entering the Marine Corps. Lew started as a halfback and was moved to a fullback when an injury took one of last seasons fullbacks. He won his first K last fall. Should do well this fall. Lew is married and has a son and a daughter.

VINCENT KING - Junior from Barnard. Good punter and fullback. Played at Fort Hays State before entering the Army. Vint was a prisoner of war for 13 months. Was unfortunate to have his leg broken last fall after the 3rd game. Is expected to get going this fall. He is a K man.



INTERESTING FACTS ON FORT HAYS STATE FOOTBALL RECORDS

Championships:

1917 == Won Kansas Conference Championship. First football championship in the history of the school.

Fort Hays State won 7 - lost 0.  
Fort Hays State 138 points == Opponents 27 points.

1921 == Won Kansas Conference Championship.

Fort Hays State won 6 - lost 1.  
Fort Hays State 99 points == Opponents 55 points.

1934 == Won Central Intercollegiate Conference Championship.

Fort Hays State won 6 - lost 2 - tied 1.  
Fort Hays State 132 points == Opponents 64 points.

1935 == Tied for Central Intercollegiate Conference Championship. Won from Kansas State 3-0.

Fort Hays State won 8 - lost 2.  
Fort Hays State 172 points == Opponents 57 points.

1936 == Won Central Intercollegiate Conference Championship. Undefeated in conference play.

Fort Hays State won 6 - lost 3.  
Fort Hays State 140 points == Opponents 57 points.

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Conference Affiliation:

The first alignment in conference competition came to the Tigers in 1914. when they were admitted to the Kansas Conference.

In 1927 Fort Hays State withdrew from the Kansas Conference to join with other colleges in forming a new conference known as the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. It is still a member of this conference.

Colleges who make up the membership of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference at the present time are: Fort Hays State, St. Benedict's College, Emporia State, Pittsburg State, Washburn University, and Southwestern College.



FOOTBALL RECORDS BY YEARS

Year	Won	Lost	Tied	Name of Coach
1914	5	2	0	Ira H. Van Cleave
1915	4	3	0	Whitcomb G. Speer
1916	5	1	0	Whitcomb G. Speer
1917	7	0	0	Whitcomb G. Speer
1918	2	1	0	Whitcomb G. Speer
1919	3	6	0	Alfred I. Robertson
1920	2	5	1	George G. Woodward
1921	6	1	0	George G. Woodward
1922	2	4	1	George G. Woodward
1923	4	3	1	William D. Weidlein
1924	4	4	0	William D. Weidlein
1925	2	7	0	William D. Weidlein
1926	3	5	0	William D. Weidlein
1927	3	5	1	William D. Weidlein
1928	3	4	1	William D. Weidlein
1929	2	5	0	Andrew F. Scheopel
1930	2	6	1	Jack Riley
1931	3	5	1	Jack Riley
1932	4	5	0	Jack Riley
1933	6	3	1	Jack Riley
1934	6	2	1	Jack Riley
1935	8	2	0	Jim Yeager
1936	6	3	0	Paul Waldorf
1937	6	2	1	Paul Waldorf
1938	7	2	0	Paul Waldorf
1939	2	6	1	Paul Waldorf
1940	3	5	1	Paul Waldorf
1941	1	2	6	Paul Waldorf
1942	1	8	0	Bill Bearley
1943	No Team			
1944	No Team			
1945	No Team			
1946	2	4	2	Ralph Huffman

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ADDITIONAL SQUAD ROSTER

Name	Home Town	Yr.	Age	Height	Weight	Pos.
Harold Augustine	Hays	Fr.	18	5' 10"	170	G
Merle Bauer	Radium	Fr.	18	6' 1"	180	C
Herschel Betts	Oberlin	Fr.	20	5' 10"	160	E
Eugene Bird	Pratt	Fr.	20	5' 9"	175	G
Clarence Blaha	Simpson	Fr.	17	5' 9"	165	B
Dean Carney	Lewis	Fr.	22	5' 9"	170	B
Irving Casler	Little Falls, N.Y.	Fr.	22	6'	210	T
Glenn Conner	McCracken	Fr.	19	6' 2"	165	E
Orman Cozens	Lewis	Fr.	19	5' 7"	160	G
Dale Chrisler	Natoma	Fr.	17	5' 8"	190	T
Art Cook	Garden City	Soph.	20	5' 10"	160	B
Leonard Cullison	Oberlin	Fr.	19	6'	180	E
Richard Dilsaver	Kensington	Fr.	20	5' 11"	190	T
Ted Dinkel	Codell	Fr.	20	5' 8"	155	B
Elmer Dougherty	Bunkerhill	Soph.	18	6' 1"	180	B
Gilbert Dreiling	Victoria	Soph.	21	6'	160	E
Jim Dreiling	Victoria	Fr.	17	6' 2"	160	E
Wilmer Dreiling	Hays	Soph.	20	6'	180	T
Kenneth Duncan	Holden, Mo.	Soph.	20	6' 1"	170	B
Raymond Emerson	Oberlin	Soph.	21	5' 10"	165	G
Leonard French	Otis	Fr.	17	5' 8"	155	G
Billy Gentry	Rossville	Fr.	17	5' 8"	150	B
Herbert Greenstreet	Offerle	Fr.	21	5' 10"	175	B
Bill Groves	Mankato	Soph.	19	5' 9"	160	C
Stanley Hargadine	Kinsley	Soph.	23	6' 1"	170	B
Don Harsh	Stockton	Soph.	22	5' 10"	150	B
Paul Hayse	Greensburg	Fr.	17	5' 10"	150	E
Avery Hopson	Phillipsburg	Fr.	18	6' 3"	210	T
Joe Hubbard	Waldo	Fr.	19	6'	180	T
Billy Jellison	Lincoln	Fr.	20	6'	175	C
Charles Johnson	Hays	Fr.	21	6' 2"	245	T
George Jones	Codell	Soph.	21	6' 3"	285	T
Lesley Jones	Hill City	Fr.	20	5' 10"	175	G
Harold Koch	Bushton	Fr.	18	6' 4"	180	C
Harold Koehn	Radium	Fr.	18	6' 1"	165	E
Frank Kohlmeier	Ellis	Fr.	25	5' 10"	185	B
Don Mc Allister	Radium	Fr.	18	5' 7"	140	B
Rex McConnell	Minneola	Fr.	20	6' 1"	190	E
Claude Marshall	Minneola	Fr.	23	6' 1"	190	T
Daryl Morrissey	Woodston	Fr.	18	5' 7"	145	B
Thearon Moser	Hays	Fr.	29	5' 11"	175	C
Duane Olson	Oberlin	Fr.	21	5' 10"	160	G
Charles Pearson	Garfield	Fr.	18	5' 11"	160	B
Robert Pearson	Otis	Fr.	18	5' 6"	170	T
Les Pelzel	Hays	Jr.	24	5' 5"	140	B
Robert Pelzel	Hays	Soph.	21	5' 10"	160	B
Don Pittman	Russell	Fr.	18	5' 10"	150	B
Fred Pohlman	Natoma	Soph.	19	6' 4"	190	E
Leon Roberts	Lewis	Fr.	19	6' 2"	185	B
Richard Romine	Palco	Fr.	18	6'	170	B
Max Smeltzer	Dighton	Fr.	18	5' 11"	175	B
Dean Snyder	Simpson	Fr.	18	5' 10"	170	E
Leroy Spicher	Simpson	Fr.	17	5' 8"	150	B
Dale Thornburg	Oberlin	Soph.	24	5' 10"	150	B
Richard Yochum	Kiowa	Fr.	18	5' 10"	160	B
Joe Yoxall	Woodston	Fr.	18	6'	165	E



